seniority in such cases but the above principle is also followed by the Government of India in determining seniority on amalgamation/merger of cadres.

Application from unemployed youth of Kerala

1939. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any application has been recently received from an unemployed youth from Kerala who has invented a new type of asbestos reinforced with coconut husk fibre; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on the application?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN) (a) No such application appears to have been received in Council of Scientific and Industrial Research as well as Regional Research Laboratory, Trivandurum as per available records.

(b) Does not arise.

IAS officers of Assam cadre in the Central Ministries

1940. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have examined the feasibility of having a common assessment of the suitability of IAS Officers for senior posts both at the Centre and in the States;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof;

(c) what is the total number of IAS Officers of Assam cadre in the Central Ministries at present;

(d) whether it is a fact that IAS Officers of Assam cadre have practically no representation at the senior level of administration in the Central Ministries; and

(e) if so, what remedial measures have been envisaged for the removal of this imbalance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government had examined the feasibility of having a common assessment of suitability of IAS officers at the Centre and in the States. A joint screening was attempted for some State cadres but was given up. At present, screening for suitability is done by the States for their posts and by the Centre for its posts. There is a suggestion under consideration of the Government of India for reviving the common screening for posts at the level of Joint Secretary. An informal group has discussed this suggestion but no conclusions have been reached.

(c) A total number of 33 IAS officers of Assam-Meghalaya Cadre is at present posted in the Central Ministries.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Revitalising of the Subordinate Judiciary

1941. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received certain rcommendations from the Law Commission for revitalising the subordinate judiciary of the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 114th, 116th, 118th and 120th Reports of the Law Commission are concerning subordinate judiciary. Copies of these reports have already been laid on the Table of the House. Government is engaged in further processing of these reports.